

Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP)

Overview for Parents

The Basic Skills Education Program helps fund remediation for Utah high school students who have been unable to pass all of the subtests on the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test (UBSCT) and have scored below a certain score on those subtests. The program pays stipends to remediation providers after the student has successfully passed the UBSCT. The amount of the stipend depends on the student's score.

How the Program Works

The parents of a qualifying student choose a remediation provider for their student. They may choose to receive remediation from their school district or charter school, or any of the USOE-approved "other" providers. After the student successfully passes the UBSCT the provider chosen by the parents will receive payment for providing that remediation. Parents may choose to change providers at the end of the student's junior year or if the student moves and changes school districts. However, if the student changes providers, the new stipend is based on the student's best previous score, rather than the initial score.

Program Qualifications

In order to qualify, your student must meet the following criteria:

1. The student has not passed the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test (UBSCT).
2. The student scored in a qualifying range for one or more subtests (see chart).
3. The student's parent or guardian is a Utah resident.
4. The student is enrolled full time in a Utah public school.
5. The student does not qualify for the Utah Alternate Assessment.

Payment can range from \$500 to \$1500 per subtest depending on the student's score.

Stipend Amount	Subtest Scaled Score Range		
	Reading	Writing	Math
\$500	154-156	148-153	151-155
\$1,000	147-153	138-147	141-150
\$1,500	146 and below	137 and below	140 and below

What Happens If My Student Qualifies?

If your student qualifies, you will receive a "Parent Notification and Declaration" form for each subtest for which your student qualifies from the school your student attends. By completing and submitting this form, you are able to declare who you have chosen to provide remediation

services for your student. Again, you may choose to use the school district or charter school where your student attends, or you may choose one of the Utah State Office of Education-approved “other” providers. You may access a list of these providers at our website: <http://www.schools.utah.gov/admin/BSEP.htm>.

If you choose to make use of your school district or charter school, you simply sign the top portion of the form and submit it to your student’s school.

If you choose to utilize one of the USOE-approved “other” providers, you will need to sign the bottom portion of the form and submit it, along with a copy of your student’s UBSCT test results, to your chosen provider.

You should be aware that by choosing a provider other than the local school district or charter school, you are releasing that district from any responsibility to remediate that student in relation to the UBSCT. Also, any provider that charges fees for remediation beyond the amount of the stipend is required to disclose those fees before accepting a parent’s Notification and Declaration form.

After each administration of the UBSCT, the USOE will review the scores of all students for whom a valid “Parent Notification and Declaration” form has been submitted. If your student passes the subtest, the stipend is then paid to the remediation provider. If your student is unable to pass the UBSCT, the remediation provider does not receive the stipend.

Program Example

Travis is a student at Utah High School. Travis takes the UBSCT during February of his sophomore year. He passes the Math subtest, but is unable to pass the reading or writing subtest. His score on the Reading subtest is 154, and his score on the Writing subtest is 135. Travis and his parents meet with the high school counselor and find out about the Basic Skills Education Program. The counselor informs them that, based on Travis’s scores, the remediation provider that they choose would be eligible to receive \$500 for Reading and \$1500 for Writing if and when Travis successfully passes those subtests of the UBSCT. Travis and his parents receive two “Parent Notification and Declaration” forms from the counselor- one for Reading, one for Writing. Once Travis and his parents have decided on a remediation provider, they submit the forms, and copies of his UBSCT results if it is an approved “other” provider, to their chosen provider. They may choose different providers for each subtest.

Now, let’s assume that during his junior year, Travis is able to pass the Reading subtest and raises his Writing subtest score to 152. The chosen provider for reading remediation receives a \$500 payment since Travis was able to pass the Reading test. Since it is the end of Travis’s junior year, his parents may choose to change providers for the Writing remediation, if they wish.

If Travis’s parents choose to stay with the same provider, no additional paperwork is required, and that provider is still eligible for a \$1500 stipend if Travis can pass the Writing subtest during his senior year.

If Travis's parents choose to change providers for his senior year, they will need to get a new "Parent Notification and Declaration" form and submit it to their new chosen provider, along with copies of all of his UBST results if it is an approved "other" provider. However, the new provider would only be eligible for a \$500 stipend if Travis can pass the Writing subtest. This is because Travis changed remediation providers. Due to the change of provider, the stipend is set by Travis's best previous result, which is now 152.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Travis Rawlings at the Utah State Office of Education at (801) 538-7601, or by e-mail at travis.rawlings@schools.utah.gov.